

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

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1. **(Currently Amended)** An image processing method comprising:  
providing a first signal representing rasterized color separation  
continuous tone gray level image data of pixels;  
providing an operator adjustable color tweaking input data second  
signal representing at least an a last-minute all points adjustable tuning adjustment in  
color saturation without re-rasterizing the image data;  
in response to the first and second signals providing a third signal that  
represents an adjustment in color saturation in accordance with the operator adjustable  
color tweaking input; and  
subjecting data represented by the third signal to a halftone process to  
generate halftone rendered gray level data values for the pixels.
  2. **(Original)** The method according to claim 1 and including  
subjecting data represented by the third signal to first and second halftone processes  
and then blending the respective outputs from the first and second halftone processes.
  3. **(Original)** The method according to claim 2 wherein third signals  
representing adjustment in color saturation in accordance with the operator adjustable  
color tweaking inputs of plural neighboring pixels are examined for determination of  
blending coefficients and in the step of blending is obtained in accordance with  
respective blending coefficients.
  4. **(Original)** The method according to claim 3 and including the step  
of modifying the output of the blending operation into a binary image file and  
subjecting the binary image file to an edge enhancement process to reduce jaggedness  
in the image.

5. **(Original)** The method according claim 2 and including the step of modifying the output of the blending operation into a binary image file and subjecting the binary image file to an edge enhancement process to reduce jaggedness in the image.

6. **(Original)** The method according to claim 1 and including modifying image data subsequent to color tweaking to an edge enhancement process to reduce jaggedness in the image.

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7. **(Original)** The method according to claim 1 and including modifying image data subsequent to color tweaking to form a binary image data file and subjecting the binary image file to an edge enhancement process to reduce jaggedness in the image.

8. **(Original)** The method according to claim 7 wherein the first and second signals are input into a lookup table.

9. **(Original)** The method according to claim 1 wherein the first and second signals are input into a lookup table.

10. **(Original)** The method according to claim 9 wherein image data is recorded on an electrostatographic recording surface as a color separation image, and plural color separation images are recorded and eventually transferred to a receiver sheet in superposed registered relationship.

11. **(Original)** The method according to claim 1 wherein image data is recorded on an electrostatographic recording surface as a color separation image, and plural color separation images are recorded and eventually transferred to a receiver sheet in superposed registered relationship to form a process color image.

12. **(Currently Amended)** An image processing system comprising:  
a lookup table that stores image data suited to adjust color saturation of  
an input image in accordance with a personal preference of an operator;  
a first input for providing rasterized continuous tone gray level image  
data of ~~pixels~~ pixels forming a part of a color separation image;  
a second input for providing a color tweaking input by an operator  
representing at least an a last-minute all points adjustable tuning adjustment to color  
saturation without re-rasterizing the image data, in accordance with a personal  
preference of the operator; ~~and~~  
wherein the lookup table is responsive to the first input and the second  
input to provide image data adjusted in color saturation for the pixels in accordance  
with the preference as represented by the color tweaking input; and  
a processing device that subject the adjusted image data to render the  
adjusted data in accordance with a halftone algorithm.